

WORKSHOP MINUTES
OCTOBER 18, 2023
7:00 P.M. AT BOROUGH HALL

The workshop meeting of the borough of Interlaken was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mayor Nohilly. Sunshine Statement was read by Mayor Nohilly. “The notice requirements of the Open Public Meetings Act have been satisfied by forwarding notice to the Coaster and the Asbury Park Press. A copy of the notice is posted on the Borough bulletin board and is on file in the Borough Clerk’s office.

Present: Mayor Nohilly, Council President Butler, Councilmembers Horowitz, Franks and DeSarno

Also Present: Borough Administrator/Clerk Reibrich and Borough Attorney Rich Shaklee

Absent: Councilmembers Delia and Blasucci

1. **MonCIA 2023 POOLED LOANS:**

CFO Joseph Zanga presented the Governing Body with the Monmouth County Pooled Program. Interlaken has not participated in the past, but this program has a lot of positives considering the current state of note sales for the small bond anticipation notes the Borough sells. CFO Zanga explained that the Borough should receive better interest rates and the payback schedule is over 9 years which makes budgeting much easier. The principal payment is in December and that is best for the Borough with receipts of the yearly taxes as well as the state aid and all realized revenue for the year.

CFO Zanga and BA Reibrich discussed the need for a special meeting to confirm the program pricing. The tentative schedule provided by the program director would have a special meeting around December 5th or 6th. Mayor Nohilly questioned if the meeting could be via Zoom as it would be the only agenda item. Borough Attorney Shaklee believes that would be fine but he said he would take a look at the most recent updates to virtual meetings.

The Governing Body confirmed that being part of the MonCIA program was a good recommendation.

2. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Councilman Franks asked to discuss the Picnic in the Park event. He knows that weather cancelled the event and I was credited for next year. He questioned if October was a good month to have it and suggested that August or even September may be better. October weather can be cold and rainy. He said that there needs to be more help with the event if the Council is going to be the one hosting it. He questioned whether the event should even move forward after next year if there are no volunteers from the community. If there is no

community interest, then the event should just be put on the backburner until there is. Councilman Franks discussed how this event was ran completely by volunteers in the past.

BA Reibrich remarked that other towns have an entire recreation department with a dedicated staff and budget. While the office can supplement the event by doing the contracting and organizing some of the details it is not an endeavor that is within the scope of a staff this size. Mayor Nohilly and Councilman Franks agreed and respected the fact that the event is not something that the small number of staff can add to their plate. It is difficult to run events with a small staff and everything falling on the elected officials.

Due to the cancelling of the event and credits the Borough is holding with the vendors, the Governing Body decided that they would discuss the date for next year’s event at another meeting. Also, they would see the participation of the next event and determine if it should be something that should continue.

3. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

Mayor Nohilly opened the floor for public comment.

Jodi Heinz, 512 Bridlmere Avenue, thanked Council for their volunteerism but indicated she had a list of criticisms. She discussed town communication, informing residents about not placing brush and debris in the curb line, kayak rack issues and the lack of attendance of the Planning Board Liaison.

Hank Heinz, 512 Bridlemere Avenue, explained that he is a veteran. He expressed possibly not wanting to come to the Veterans Day Event this year because of the political nature of one of the speakers last year.

With no further comments, Mayor Nohilly closed the floor.

4. **ADJOURNMENT:** Councilman Franks made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman DeSarno and unanimously carried.

	Mayor Nohilly	Council President Butler	Councilwoman Horowitz	Councilman Delia	Councilman Franks	Councilman DeSarno	Councilman Blasucci
Motion to Approve							
Motion to Second							
Approved							
Opposed							
Abstain/ Recuse							
Absent/ Excused							

Lori Reibrich, RMC/CMR
Borough Clerk/Administrator

